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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PHILIPPINE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
QUAIZON

1. PHILIPPINE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TROADIO
QUAIZON VISITED BULGARIA SEPTEMBER 1 TO APPROXIMATELY
SEPTEMBER 7 AS THE HEAD OF A LAROE DELEGATION OF
PHILIPPINE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES. QUAIZON'S VISIT TO
BULGARIA WAS ANNOUNCED DURING PLOVDIV INTERNATIONAL FAIR
(SEPTEMBER 3-10) IN WHICH THE PHILIPPINES PARTICIPATED FOR
THE FIRST TIME. DURING HIS STAY QUAIZON CALLED ON FIRST
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TANO TSOLOV, FOREIGN
TRADE MINISTER IVAN NEDEV, AND OFFICIALS AT THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC
RELATIONS.

2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT DURING QUAIZON'S CALL ON
TSOLOV THE DECISION WAS MADE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT BULGARIAN-
PHILIPPINE COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
COOVJRATION. HEAD OF THE PHILIPPINE SIDE OF THE
COMMISSION WOULD BE QUAIZON, WHILE HIS COUNTERPART
FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER NEDEV WOULD HEAD THE
BULGARIAN SIDE. BOTH SIDES ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO EXCHANGE
DRAFT PROGRAMS IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON AREAS OF POSSIBLE
ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND QUAIZON WAS QUOTED IN LOCAL PRESS AS
STATING THE PHILIPPINES ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING COMPLETE
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PLANTS FROM BULGARIA. BULGARIA EXPRESSED INTEREST

IN SUCH PHILIPPINE RAW PRODUCTS AS ORE CONCENTRATES,
NON-FERROUS METALS, TOBACCO, AND RUM.

3. COMMENT: JOINT COMMISSION AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED
BETWEEN BULGARIA AND THE PHILIPPINES APPEARED TO BE
STANDARD BULGARIAN VEHICLE FOR USE WITH DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. THE PHILIPPINES IS REPRESENTED IN BULGARIA
BY AMBASSADOR ROGELIO DE LA ROSA STATIONED IN THE HAGUE.
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